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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YVONNE B. BURKE

FEBRUARY 6, 2008

Employees of the County of Los Angeles have generously supported the annual March of Dimes fundraising campaign, forming department teams of walkers to raise funds that support important research to curtail premature births and infant mortality. This is a voluntary campaign conducted by County department heads and employees. The “March for Babies” will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008, 8:00 a.m., at Griffith Park, and the County Team photo will be taken at 7:30 a.m.

County employees raised more than \$325,000 last year and a portion of those funds were returned to the County in the form of grants to local medical facilities and agencies, including LAC+USC Medical Center and Great Beginnings for Black Babies.

“March of Babies” is the theme for the County’s 2008 March of Dimes campaign, which holds the “Top Public Sector” award. County hospitals and clinics will conduct Med-Walks during May and June in support of the fundraising effort.

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Regular department fundraisers will continue this year along with partnerships with the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team and Disney's El Capitan Theatre. "County Night at Dodger Stadium" is scheduled Friday, April 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Chief Executive Officer William T Fujioka will throw out the first pitch.

In addition, another popular March of Dimes fundraiser, "Blue Jeans for Babies Days," will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 28 and May 29, 2008 respectively.

I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Proclaim Saturday, April 26, 2008, as "March for Babies Day" in the County of Los Angeles in support of the annual walk-a-thon; and
2. Proclaim Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29, as "Blue Jeans for Babies Days" in the County of Los Angeles to support the "March for Babies" campaign; and
3. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$850 for 50 cars, excluding liability, for parking in Lot #14 at the Music Center for department coordinators attending the annual training session on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration; and

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4. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$595 for 35 cars, excluding liability, for parking in Lot 14 at the Music Center for department heads and coordinators attending the annual Executive Kickoff breakfast on Tuesday, March 4, 2008; and
5. Waive Countywide vendor fees in the amount of \$10,000, excluding liability, for fundraising activities in support of the 2008 March for Babies campaign; and
6. Request that the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs, and the Internal Services Department provide the necessary support services; and
7. Encourage all County employees and department heads to voluntarily participate in the County's 2008 "March for Babies" event on Saturday, April 26, 2008, to support the campaign to wipe out premature births and infant mortality.

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